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Health Partners Recognizes Outstanding Volunteers

Catawba County Health Partners (CCHP) hosted its Second Annual Spring Meeting on Thursday, May 10th at the Holiday Inn Select. The theme was "Celebrating Our Partnerships" because it takes all of our community partners to be successful.

Volunteer awards were given to Boni Killian, (at right in the photo) a Lenoir-Rhyne College student, who received the "Youth Excellence Award" and Sam Moffitt (on the left in the photo), Family Day volunteer for Catawba County Health Partners, who was presented with the "William Pekman, MD Volunteer of the Year Award."



"Both of these individuals went above and beyond the call of duty to help promote healthy behaviors in our community," said Maria Reese, Healthy Carolinians Coordinator for CCHP. "The William Pekman, MD award, which embodies leadership, commitment and energy, is named after Dr. William Pekman one of the co-founders of CCHP." Sam Moffitt helped plan the first annual Family Day for approximately 800 people at Southside Park in Newton on 9/25/06. Family Day encourages families to eat together to help reduce high risk behaviors.

The CCHP Board of Directors added two new members including: James Tilton, Application Specialist at Alex Lee, Inc. and The Rev. Vincent Ross from Maiden Chapel Baptist Church. Other board members include: Dr. Tom Foster, Board President; Susan Witherspoon, Vice President; Gloria Hemphill, Secretary; Kevin McIntosh, Treasurer; Rosemary King, Access Chair; Dr. Tom Warren, Eat Smart Move More Chair; Louise Ackerman, Substance Abuse Chair; Kelly Isenhour, Assistant Health Director; and Doug Urland, Health Director.

The keynote speaker was Karen McNeil Miller, President of the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust in Winston-Salem. "Kate B. Reynolds has been a leading supporter of Healthy Carolinians around the state and their focus areas align nicely with ours which include access to care, chronic disease, and mental health," Reese added.

CCHP is a non-profit organization which, according to its mission statement, seeks to bring partners together "to improve the health and well being of Catawba County residents by identifying and addressing health priorities and disparities through public awareness and education, community involvement, maximizing resources, and influencing public policy."

For more information about the partnership and its activities contact Maria Reese, Healthy Carolinians Coordinator at 695-5818 or visit www.catawbacountyhp.org.

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